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| (54) Title: BROADCAST SYSTEM FOR DISPLAY DEVICES MADE OF ELECTRONIC INK (57) Abstract <p>A system for centrally controlling and updating electrically active displays distributed at a single site or at multiple sites. The printed display can be used in a variety of applications. It can be used as an indicator by changing state of the display after a certain time has elapsed, or when a certain pressure, thermal, radiative, moisture, acoustic, inclination, pH, or other threshold is passed. In one embodiment, the display is incorporated into a battery indicator. A sticker display is described which is adhesive backed and may then be applied to a surface to create a functional information display unit. This invention also features a display that is both powered and controlled using radio frequencies. The system includes an antenna or antennae, passive charging circuitry, and active control system, a display, and an energy storage unit. There is also a separate transmitter that provides the remote power for the display. The system is meant to be used anywhere it is useful to provide intermittent updates of information such as in a store, on a highway, or in an airport. A tile-based display allowing a modular system for large area display is created using a printable display material.</p> <div data-bbox="722 1239 1331 1701"> </div> | | |